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FOR AMBASSADOR OM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR FAHMY -- SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH
GROMYKO

REF: CAIRO 6838

1. PLEASE CONVEY POINTS BELOW TO FAHMY, ASKING HIM AS
USUAL TO PASS THEM ON TO SADAT.

2. FIRST, I APPRECIATE FAHMY'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE
CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN OUR PROVIDING FOR HIM AND
PRESIDENT SADAT THROUGH YOU THE FULLEST POSSIBLE REPORT
ON THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOLLOWING THE NEXT
EXCHANGES WITH THE ISRAELIS. I REMAIN MINDFUL OF
PRESIDENT SADAT'S NEED IN THE DAYS AHEAD TO WORK FROM
THE BEST POSSIBLE ASSESSMENT OF WHERE MATTERS STAND.
PLEASE ASSURE HIM THAT WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET YOU
BACK TO CAIRO AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. SECOND, AFTER EXTENSIVE TALKS ON A NUMBER OF
BILATERAL ISSUES, I HAVE JUST FINISHED AN HOUR AND A
HALF WITH GROMYKO ON THE MIDDLE EAST. HE CONTINUES TO
FAVOR CONDUCTING ALL NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK

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OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, BUT HE SHOWED NO INCLINATION

TO ACT OBSTRUCTIVELY TOWARD THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS.
I GAVE HIM ONLY THE MOST GENERAL PICTURE OF THOSE
NEGOTIATIONS -- THAT WE ARE STILL ENGAGED IN
EXCHANGES TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE,
THAT THE LOCATION OF THE LINE IN THE AREA OF THE PASSES
AND THE NATURE OF THE ACCESS TO THE OIL FIELDS REMAIN
THE MAIN ISSUES, AND THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TALK WITH
GREATER CERTAINTY ABOUT GENEVA WHEN PRESIDENT FORD AND
GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV MEET IN HELSINKI, PRESUMABLY
THE LAST DAYS OF JULY, ON THE OCCASION OF THE EUROPEAN
SECURITY CONFERENCE.

4. I TOLD GROMYKO, IN RESPONSE TO HIS PROBING ON THE
TIMING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, THAT WE HAD ALWAYS
ENVISIONED THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH AS A WAY TO HELP
DEFUSE THE SITUATION AND PRODUCE AN ATMOSPHERE MORE
CONDUCIVE TO PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATION OF AN OVERALL
SETTLEMENT. I SAID WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT THE
NEGOTIATING PROCESS MUST CONTINUE.

5. IN SHORT, WHILE GROMYKO CONTINUED TO PRESS IN
PRINCIPLE FOR EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE CONFERENCE AS
SOON AS PRACTICAL, HE SEEMED TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE
WOULD HAVE TO WORK THROUGH OUR PRESENT COURSE.

6. FOR AMBASSADOR: WE WILL LOOK FOR YOU JULY 15.
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